



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – A. HARDER / ALERT THE WORLD

MORPHETTVILLE – TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2017

PENONG – SATURDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2016

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken on Saturday, 12 March 2016 from the racehorse ALERT THE WORLD, which was presented to race in and won Race 4 the Far West Farmers Penong Cup run over 1600m at the Penong Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of *Arsenic*, at a level in excess of the threshold set for *Arsenic* under the rules of racing, being 0.30 mg/L (0.3 milligrams per Litre).

Evidence was taken from Mrs. A. Harder, the Trainer of ALERT THE WORLD, Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra. Stewards also considered the findings of a study conducted in Australia. Stewards noted, having regard for this study, that in certain circumstances, where there is evidence of a horse being exposed to ingestion of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) treated wood fencing, it is possible for such horse to disclose elevated levels of Arsenic. Notwithstanding these findings, after considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mrs. A. Harder under AR178 (a strict liability rule), the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse ALERT THE WORLD at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 12 March 2016, she did bring the said racehorse to the Penong Racecourse where it competed in and won Race 4 the Far West Farmers Penong Cup run over 1600m, after which a urine sample taken from the horse disclosed upon analysis the substance Arsenic at a level of 0.48 mg/L in urine which is above the threshold declared in AR.178C(1)(b) of 0.30 mg/L in urine (a prohibited substance under the rules of racing). Mrs. Harder pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the circumstances in this case, including the likely exposure of ALERT THE WORLD to, and ingestion by the mare of CCA treated wood fencing. Consequently, Stewards imposed no penalty. The effect of this determination means that Stewards recorded a conviction without penalty.

Acting under AR177, Stewards determined that ALERT THE WORLD be disqualified from Race 4 the Far West Farmers Penong Cup run over 1600m on 12 March 2016 at the Penong Racecourse.

Consequently, the **new result** of the race is:

- 1st JAPAN
- 2nd VOODOO BLACK MAGIC
- 3rd LUSTREMAN
- 4th EMAIL
- 5th TRESETTE

Mrs. Harder was informed of her right of appeal.

J. C. PETZER
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS
29 August 2017